

grieves with his family for their loss. Police Officer Robert J. Stanze has left a legacy of decency and bravery that won't be soon forgotten, and we are grateful to have had him among us.

HONORING BILL O'DWYER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I take this moment to recognize the extraordinary, Bill O'Dwyer of Grand Junction, Colorado. Bill recently passed away at the age of 74. While family, friends, and neighbors mourn this immense loss, I would like to pay tribute to a wonderful human being.

Bill was a valued member of the Grand Junction community and he will be greatly missed. Bill served his country admirably during World War II, fighting with distinction in the Battle of Iwo Jima. After returning a proud veteran he began O'Dwyer Electric in Grand Junction. While building a successful business, Bill began to realize the importance of civic duty and he turned to local government. For a number of years Bill served in the Grand Junction City Council where his accomplishments were great in number. On the top of the list was his work to build the current terminal at Walker Field Airport.

Bill's leadership abilities brought a number of wonderful things to the community of Grand Junction. When not serving the community in City Council, Bill could be found serving in a religious capacity, where he was Bishop for the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-day Saints. Whether in church or in a council meeting, Bill always exemplified the qualities of a great leader and caring and generous human being.

Bill served his community, State, and Nation proudly. Though he is gone his memory will live on within all that knew him. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress, I would like to pay tribute to this great Coloradan.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL RANDOLPH W. HOUSE, USA

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to Lieutenant General Randolph W. House upon his retirement from the United States Army.

General House has served our nation with honor and distinction for over 32 years, and his performance throughout his career has been characterized by the highest standards of professional ethics and commitment to soldiers. General House was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1968 upon completion of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and graduation from Texas A&M University. During his military career, he completed the Infantry

Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the National War College.

General House's record of service is outstanding. Throughout his long and distinguished career, he has held numerous key command and staff positions, including the following: Helicopter Platoon Leader and Infantry Company Commander in South Vietnam; Armor Brigade Commander during Operation DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM; Division Commander of 1st Infantry Division; Senior Military Assistant to Secretary of Defense, Dr. William Perry; Commanding General, Eighth U.S. Army and Chief of Staff, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces, South Korea; and Deputy Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Command.

His assignments include Deputy Chief of Staff, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Polk, Louisiana; Commander, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Polk, Louisiana; Chief, Force Planning Integration Team, War Plans Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, United States Army, Washington, DC. He has also held a variety of important command and staff positions to include Executive Assistant to the Vice Director and Director of the Joint Staff, The Joint Staff, Washington, DC; Commander, 2d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas and Saudi Arabia; Assistant Division Commander, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Carson, Colorado; Deputy Commandant, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Riley, Kansas; Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Staff for Installation Management, United States Army, Washington, DC; Commanding General, Eighth United States Army/Chief of Staff, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea. He culminated his career with his most recent duty as Deputy Commander in Chief/Chief of Staff, United States Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

General House was awarded the Silver Star during actions by his brigade of the 1st Cavalry against elements of the Iraqi Republican Guards during DESERT STORM and received twenty-two Air Medals as a young helicopter pilot in the Republic of Vietnam. His other military awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Distinguished Flying Cross (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Soldier's Medal, the Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

General House has positively impacted our Army and our Nation. His leadership, innovative ideas and operational knowledge left an indelible, mark on soldiers, family members, the units he commanded, the Department of the Army, the Department of Defense, and the American people. Through superb leadership

and the care and concern he demonstrated to soldiers and their families, he developed warfighters that accomplished every mission. During war, he led from the front, always by example, earning the respect and admiration of every soldier. During peacetime, he promoted sound political and military relationships among unified and combined forces and enhanced the quality of life of United States personnel and their families. General House also worked to produce improved relations with a large number of countries within the Asia-Pacific region and to improve crisis and contingency planning.

I would ask my colleagues to join me in wishing General House and his wife, Jeanie, all the best. We thank them for over 32 years of dedicated and unselfish service to the United States of America.

HONORING CHAIRMAN TOM BLILEY

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. DeMINT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor my colleague, Chairman BLILEY, for his faithful service in the U.S. House of Representatives. As his many years as a dedicated public servant in the House come to a close, I am sure he is looking back at the many accomplishments of his time here. I would like to highlight his activity in one specific area—adoption.

Chairman BLILEY, as the adoptive father of two and co-chairman of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, has championed adoption issues in Congress. Most recently he has worked to make sure pregnancy counselors are trained to provide complete and accurate information on adoption to women with unplanned pregnancies. He has also worked to increase the adoption tax credit to \$10,000 in relief for families dealing with the high cost of adopting children.

Adoption is a wonderful thing because it brings a positive, life-giving end to what could be difficult circumstances. The mother can place her child in a loving family, the child receives a warm and welcoming home, and an adoptive couple gets to wear one of the greatest titles in America—parent.

I applaud the chairman for his tireless efforts to help the birthparents, adopted children, and adoptive parents around this country. There are many children who have been blessed with parents and a loving home because of the work of Chairman BLILEY. I thank and salute him for all of his work and wish him well in retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS MAYOR EUGENE SIEGEL, VILLAGE OF CHICAGO RIDGE, 25 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I offer my congratulations to Mr. Eugene L. Siegel, a